

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Charlotte, Florida

### Number of farms

284 farms in 2002, 287 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Land in farms

191,529 acres in 2002, 292,053 acres in 1997, down 34 percent.

### Average size of farm

674 acres in 2002, 1,018 acres in 1997, down 34 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$48,302,000 in 2002, \$50,395,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$42,632,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,671,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

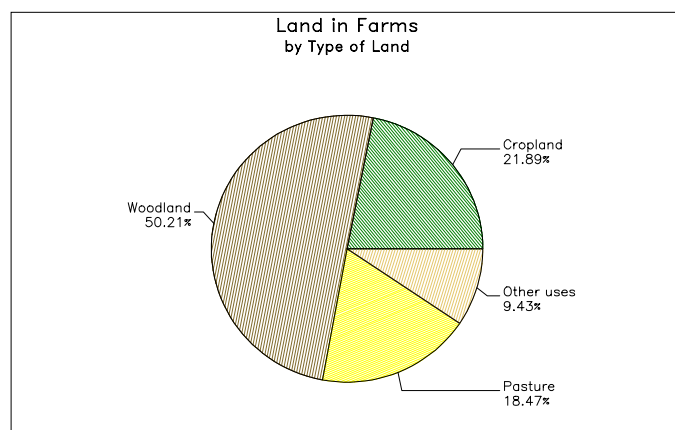
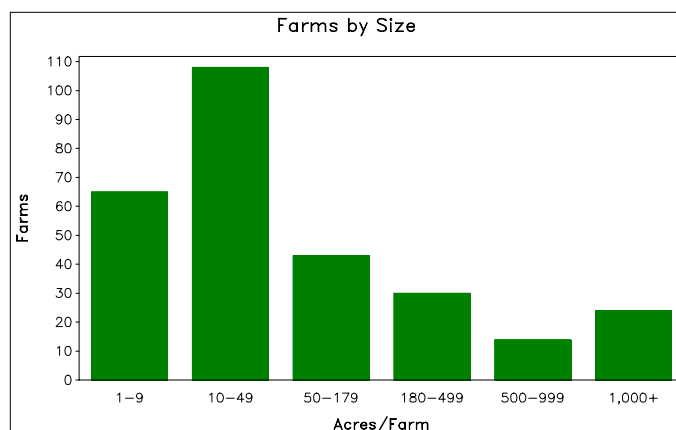
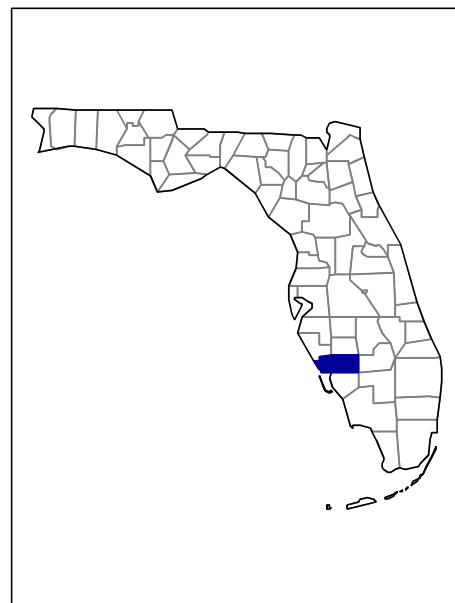
\$170,079 in 2002, \$175,592 in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$51,000 in 1997.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$4,225 in 1997.



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**Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

| Item  | Quantity | State Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> | U.S. Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>             |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Total value of agricultural products sold                               | 48,302   | 29         | 67                    | 1,211     | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 42,632   | 23         | 66                    | 580       | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 5,671    | 42         | 67                    | 2,271     | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | -        | -          | 49                    | -         | 2,871                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | 14                    | -         | 560                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | -        | -          | 12                    | -         | 656                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                        | (D)      | (D)        | 62                    | (D)       | 2,747                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | 32,845   | 13         | 65                    | 63        | 2,638                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                              | 7,278    | 35         | 65                    | 348       | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | (D)      | (D)        | 36                    | (D)       | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | (D)      | (D)        | 61                    | (D)       | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | 5        | 53         | 66                    | 2,211     | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 4,395    | 24         | 66                    | 1,622     | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | -        | -          | 52                    | -         | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | -        | -          | 61                    | -         | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | 9        | 39         | 65                    | 2,363     | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 98       | 41         | 64                    | 1,788     | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | 217      | 23         | 53                    | 416       | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | 947      | 8          | 65                    | 133       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves   | 21,450   | 26         | 66                    | 1,385     | 3,059                 |
| Colonies of bees  | 6,800    | 10         | 64                    | 73        | 2,392                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 602      | 46         | 65                    | 1,939     | 3,065                 |
| Rabbits   | (D)      | 5          | 52                    | (D)       | 1,966                 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older   | 378      | 39         | 65                    | 2,110     | 2,983                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Oranges   | 16,490   | 12         | 44                    | 15        | 123                   |
| Grapefruit  | 2,770    | 7          | 40                    | 9         | 88                    |
| All Vegetables harvested  | 1,487    | 18         | 62                    | 341       | 2,710                 |
| Watermelons   | 1,475    | 6          | 57                    | 24        | 1,753                 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 1,217    | 45         | 65                    | 2,851     | 3,059                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 80       | Farming   | 128      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 48       | Other   | 156      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 20       |   |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 28       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 28       | Male  | 234      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 15       | Female  | 50       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 12       |   |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 6        | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 60.9     |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 7        |   |          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 17       | All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 6        | White   | 394      |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 17       | Black or African American   | -        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 43,220   | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 10       |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 151,649  | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
|   |          | Asian   | 2        |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 9,939    | More than one race  | 4        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 34,873   | All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 8        |

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.